

SS SB 607 -- REGULATION OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

(Vetoed by the Governor)

On the date the Highways and Transportation Commission within the Department of Transportation approves funding for any phase or portion of construction or reconstruction of any street or highway, this bill requires the rules in effect for outdoor advertising on August 27, 1999, to be reinstated for that section of highway scheduled for construction and a moratorium to be immediately imposed on the issuance of state sign permits for new sign structures.

The owner of an existing sign that meets the requirements for outdoor advertising in effect on August 27, 1999, and the requirements of the federal/state agreement who voluntarily executes a partial waiver and reset agreement may reset a sign on the same or adjoining property. The reset agreement must be contingent upon obtaining any required local approval to reset the sign structure. Any sign that has been reset must comply with the August 27, 1999, outdoor advertising regulations after it has been reset.

The owner of an existing sign who elects to reset a qualifying sign must receive compensation representing the actual cost to reset the existing sign. A sign that has been reset under these provisions must be reconstructed of the same type materials and may not exceed the square footage of the original sign structure.

A sign owner may elect to reset an existing qualifying sign by executing a partial waiver and reset agreement with the commission.

Upon the completion of construction on any section of highway, the moratorium on new permits must be immediately lifted and the rules for outdoor advertising in effect on the date the construction is completed must apply to that section of highway.

Local zoning authorities may prohibit the resetting of qualifying signs that fail to comply with local regulations.

All signs must be subject to the biennial inspection fees under Section 226.550, RSMo.